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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 8970

FOR: DEPT FOR OC/PE, SY/OPS/T, SY/OPS/FO; ACCRA FOR PSO, RCO;  
MONROVIA FOR ATO; NAIROBI FOR OIC/RTC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, AFAC

SUBJECT: CCC RENOVATION ACCRA

REF: (A) MONROVIA 6232 (B) ACCRA 6822

1. ABIDJAN SEABEE TEAM HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ACCRA IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO RELOCATE THE CCC VAULT DOOR. TEAM REPORTS THAT NEW OUTER VAULT WALL IS CONSTRUCTED WITH VERY POOR QUALITY BLOCKS AND HAS NOT BEEN PLASTERED. DOOR OPENING IS TOO LARGE FOR DOOR. NO CEMENT WAS AVAILABLE.

2. REFTTEL B DESCRIBES SHORTAGE OF CEMENT AND REINFORCING BARS IN GHANA. REFTTEL A DESCRIBES PRESENT HARDSHIP WORKING CONDITIONS (UNPROTECTED TEMPORARY WIRING) AND REQUESTS A FULL SEABEE TEAM ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO COMPLETE RENOVATION.

3. TSO WAS NOT NOTIFIED OF ACTIVITIES OF ATO TEAM UNTIL WORK WAS COMPLETED. PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH RCO PERSONNEL INDICATED THAT NO INTERIOR WORK WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL NEW OUTER WALL WAS COMPLETED AND VAULT DOOR RELOCATED.

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4. TSO UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL ELECTRICAL MATERIAL, EXCEPT LIGHT FIXTURES FOR CRU, IS PRESENTLY ON SITE. ACCORDING TO RCO SPECIFICATIONS, CMDP AND EXTERIOR CONDUIT IS TO BE INSTALLED BY CONTRACTOR. WILL INTERIOR CONDUIT BE INSTALLED BY ATO TEAM?

5. THERE IS NO REASON TO SEND ANOTHER SEABEE TEAM TO ACCRA UNTIL

THE NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE. SOME ITEMS MISSING ARE CEMENT, RE-BAR, DOORS, LUMBER, VINYL FLOOR TILE AND SUSPENDED CEILING.

6. TSO IS PLANNING TO VISIT ACCRA THIS MONTH TO REVIEW SITUATION.

7. EVEN WITH MATERIALS AND SEABEES AVAILABLE, THIS WILL BE A SLOW TEDIOUS JOB DUE TO THE NECESSITY OF WORKING AROUND AN OPERATING FACILITY. HAS DEPLOYMENT OF A TEMPORARY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY BEEN CONSIDERED?

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